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RAJYA SABHA
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EXTENSION OF KOCHI METRO RAIL

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Will the Minister of Housing And Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plans to extend the present Kochi Metro Rail route, being operated by Kochi Metro Rail Limited, to Thrissur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the current status thereof;
- (d) whether any expansion plans of the existing routes in Kochi are being implemented; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and timelines for completion of the expansion plans thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)

(a) to (c) Urban Transport, which is an integral part of urban development, is a state subject. Therefore, respective state governments are responsible for initiating and developing urban transport infrastructure including metro rail projects. The Central Government considers financial assistance for metro rail proposals in cities or urban agglomerates, on the basis of the feasibility of the proposal and availability of resources, as and when posed by the concerned state governments. This Ministry has not received any proposal from Government of Kerala related to extension of Kochi Metro Rail route being operated by Kochi Metro Rail Limited, to Thrissur.

(d) & (e) Kochi metro phase-II project from JLN Stadium to Infopark via Kakkanad has been sanctioned in November 2022 with completion period of 4 years.
